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# ST. NEOTS URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



## ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR

# 1966



ST NEOTS URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

for the year ending 31st December 1966.

Mr Chairman and Councillors,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the health and sanitary conditions of the District for the year 1966.

Vital Statistics.

Population: Nearly 1,200 has been added to the estimated mid-year population bringing the figure to over 11,000. This increase, representing over 1/10th of the present population is expected to continue for several years till the planned development of the district is completed.

Births: In contrast to last year a substantial rise is noted in both the crude and corrected birth rates. The figure now stands well in advance of the national average.

Deaths: Slightly fewer deaths occurred despite the considerable rise in population thus reducing the death rate to a level well below the figure for England and Wales.

Infant Mortality: Fewer infants died during the year before reaching the age of twelve months. This gives an Infant Mortality rate slightly in excess of last year's figures but still well below the national rate.

Infectious Disease: The incidence of Notifiable Infectious disease was about a third of that for 1965. There were no outbreaks of serious infection during the year and the vast majority of notifications were in respect of measles which became rather prevalent during the last quarter and was still increasing when the year came to an end.





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### Social Conditions.

Main Drainage: Contract 11 was nearing completion by the end of the year. This contract caters for sewer extensions in the town, a new pumping station at Brickills and an extension to Cemetery Lane pumping station together with the associate pumping mains, one of which goes all the way to the sewage disposal works.

Work commenced on extensions for increasing the capacity of the works and during the year work progressed well.

Housing: 157 Council dwellings were completed in 1966. This figure includes 51 dwellings for aged persons on two sites - one at The Close, Cambridge Street and the other at Queens Court, Eaton Socon.

Private development was responsible for an additional 118 houses within the district during the year.

Slum Clearance: An enquiry regarding 18 properties in Russell Street which were the subject of a Compulsory Purchase Order made under the Housing Act 1957 was held in December 1966 and the Minister's decision is awaited.

The Ministry confirmed, with modifications, the Luke Street/Silver Street Clearance Order and the tenants of these properties are in the process of being re-housed;

Hospital Facilities: For some years now, the District Council within the catchment area of the Huntingdon County Hospital have been increasingly concerned by the inadequate facilities, especially in-patient accommodation at the Hospital and also at the Primrose Lane Maternity Unit.

It is a pleasing feature to learn that 14 additional beds are to be provided at Primrose Lane making a total of twenty four; thus making it possible for suitable cases to have a longer stay in hospital.



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### Hospital Facilities (Cont'd)

As regards the Huntingdon County Hospital, however, further meetings of representatives of District Councils and the County Council with those of the East Anglian Regional Hospital Board are to be held at an early date with a view to improving the facilities and accommodation at the hospital to cope with the needs of the rapidly increasing population.

In conclusion, I should like to express my thanks to Mr Ostler and all other members of the Department's staff for the assistance they have given me and for all the work they have carried out during the year.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Your obedient Servant,

JAMES CALDWELL.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.





STAFF.

Medical Officer of Health:

J.Caldwell. L.R.C.P. & S. (ED) ., L.R.F.P. & S.  
(GL) D.P.H.

Public Health Inspector:

R.A.Ostler. M.A.P.H.I., M.R.S.H.

Meat Inspector Assistant (Authorised):

R.Anderson (Cert of Meat R.S.A. - Scotland) -  
terminated appointment 10.12.66

D.R.Hill (Cert of Meat Inspection R.S.H.) -  
appointed to commence 2nd January 1967



St Neots Urban District.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

Total area: 2,722 acres.

St Neots.	996 acres
Eynesbury	395 acres
Eaton Socon	1,331 acres

Estimated Population:

Mid - 1965	9,900
Mid - 1966	11,080

No. of inhabited houses: 3,370

Rateable Value:

As at 30th September 1966.	£433,060
Product of a penny rate.	£1,753





# ST NEOTS URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

## Vital Statistics for the year 1966

Estimated mid-year home population ..... 11,080

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate	120	119	239
Illegitimate	<u>4</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>14</u>
Totals	<u>124</u>	<u>129</u>	<u>253</u>

Birth rate per 1,000 estimated population ..... 22.8  
Birth rate corrected by comparability factor (.89) 20.3  
Birth rate per 1,000 population (England and Wales) 17.7

### Still Births.

Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Totals	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>

Still birth rate per 1,000 total live and still births - 7.8  
Still birth rate per 1,000 total live and still births  
(England and Wales) -15.4

### Deaths.

	48	40	88
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Death rate per 1,000 estimated population ... 7.9  
Death rate corrected by comparability factor (1.16) 9.2  
Death rate per 1,000 estimated population (England and  
Wales).. 11.7

### Infant Mortality - deaths of infants under 1 year of age

Legitimate	4	-	4
Illegitimate	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Totals	<u>4</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4</u>



## Infant Mortality (Cont'd)

Infant mortality rate (deaths of infants under 1 year per 1,000 live births)	.....	15.8
Infant mortality rate (England and Wales)	.....	19.0

### Table classifying deaths under age groups.

<u>Age.</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Under 4 weeks	2	-	2
4 weeks and under 1 year	2	-	2
1 year and under 5 years	-	-	-
5 and under 15 years	-	-	-
15 and under 25 years	1	-	1
25 and under 35 years	2	1	3
35 and under 45 years	-	-	-
45 and under 55 years	1	3	4
55 and under 65 years	9	4	13
65 and under 75 years	12	11	23
75 years and over	19	21	40
	—	—	—
Totals	48	40	88
	—	—	—





## ST NEOTS URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

The following table indicates the trend in population, birth and death rates for the district over the past five years:

	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>
Population	5,990	6,680	7,150	9,900	11,080
<u>Births</u>					
Total live births	122	165	174	205	253
Crude birth rate	20.4	24.9	24.3	20.7	22.8
Area comparability factor	.99	.94	.85	.89	.89
Corrected birth rate	20.2	23.4	20.7	18.4	20.3
Birth rate (England & Wales)	18.0	18.2	18.4	18.1	17.7
<u>Deaths</u>					
Total deaths	59	60	59	86	88
Crude death rate	9.8	9.0	8.3	8.7	7.9
Area comparability factor	.98	1.0	1.18	1.10	1.16
Corrected death rate	9.7	9.0	9.7	9.6	9.2
Deat rate (England & Wales)	11.9	12.2	11.3	11.5	11.7

### Notifications of Infectious Disease during 1966

	<u>Total cases notified.</u>
Scarlet fever	12
Whooping cough	13
Diphtheria	-
Measles	38
Acute Pneumonia	7
Puerperal pyrexia	-
Typhoid fever	-
Paratyphoid	-
Erysipelas	-
Acute pliomyelitis	-
Infective hepatitis	-
Food poisoning	1
Dysentery	2
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Totals	73



ST NEOTS URBAN DISTRICTTUBERCULOSIS.

Total number on Register at 31st December 1966 ... 35

Pulmonary ... 33      Non-pulmonary ... 2

Age period	New cases - diagnosed				New cases - transfers			
	<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-respiratory</u>		<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-respiratory</u>	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0....								
5....								
10....								
15....	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-
25....	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35....	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
45....								
55....	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
65 and upwards	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Totals	1	-	1	-	4	2	-	-

No action was found to be necessary under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1952 in connection with persons suffering from tuberculosis employed in the milk trade, or under section 172 of the Public Health Act 1936 which deals with the compulsory removal to hospital of persons suffering from tuberculosis.





ST NEOTS URBAN DISTRICT

CAUSES OF DEATH

(Registrar General's List)

<u>List No</u>	<u>Causes</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	3	1
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus	3	-
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	1
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	1
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	1	9
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	1
16.	Diabetes	-	1
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous systems	3	8
18.	Coronary disease, angina	9	4
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	1	-
20.	Other heart disease	3	3
21.	Other circulatory disease	1	1
22.	Influenza	2	2
23.	Pneumonia	3	3
24.	Bronchitis	4	1
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	-
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	2	1
31.	Congenital malformations	1	-
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	4	1
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	4	-
34.	All other accidents.	3	2
Total all causes		48	40



# ST NEOTS URBAN DISTRICT.

## GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE

### (a) Laboratory Facilities.

The following facilities have been available to this Authority and to General Practitioners in the area:

Public Health Laboratory Service, Tennis Court Road, Cambridge  
(Tel: Cambridge 55526)

Public Analyst (S.Greenburgh Ph.D.,B.Sc.,F.I.C.) Tennison  
Road, Cambridge. (Tel. Cambridge 2097)

### (b) Ambulance Service.

Ambulances administered by the County Ambulance Service operating in conjunction with the County Fire Service, have been available on doctor's orders (Tel. Huntingdon 3348)

### (c) Home Nursing.

Nurse/Midwives employed and supervised by the Huntingdon and Peterborough County Council carried out home nursing and attended maternity cases in the District;

### (d) Clinic and Treatment Centres.

(i) The following Health Services were provided by the Huntingdon and Peterborough County Council:

<u>Clinic</u>	<u>Patients seen</u>	<u>When held</u>	<u>Where held.</u>
Minor ailments	Schoolchildren	1st Thursday in month 10.30 - 11.30 a.m.	The Clinic, Almond Road, St Neots.
Infant Welfare	Children (0-5 years)	Every Thursday 2-4 p.m. & 2nd Monday in month 2-4 p.m.  Every Wednesday 10-12 noon  Every Tuesday 2-4 p.m.	The Clinic, Almond Road, St Neots.  C of E.School Eynesbury  The Women's Institute Hall, The Green, Eaton Socon







<u>Clinic</u>	<u>Patients seen</u>	<u>When held</u>	<u>Where held.</u>
Dental	Pre-School and School-children. Pre-natal and Nursing Mothers	Every Tuesday and Thursday 9-12 noon 1.30-4.30 p.m.	The Clinic, Almond Road, St Neots.

(ii) The following Health Services were provided by the Regional Hospital Board:

<u>Clinic</u>	<u>Patients seen</u>	<u>When held</u>	<u>Where held.</u>
Chest	All ages.	Every Thursday 10-12 noon	County Hospital Huntingdon.
Veneral disease	All cases.	Tuesday 3-6.30 p.m. Thursday 4-6.30 "	Addenbrookes Hospital. Cambridge.
	Males	Monday 4.30-6.30 "	Out-Patients
		Tuesday 5.30-7 "	Department
	Females and Children.	Tuesday 10.30-12.30 p.m. Thursday 4.30-6.30 p.m.	Memorial Hospital Peterborough
Orthopaedic	Pre-school and schoolchildren	1st and 3rd Monday in each month (Sister) 10 a.m-12 noon.	The Clinic, Almond Road, St Neots.

(iii) The following service is provided under the Supplementary Ophthalmic Scheme of the National Health Service:

<u>Clinic</u>	<u>Patients seen</u>	<u>When held</u>	<u>Where held</u>
Ophthalmic	Pre-school and schoolchildren.	1st and 3rd Friday in each month 10-12 noon 2-3 p.m. (by appointment except in emergency)	Health Clinic Nursery Road, Huntingdon.

Medical, Surgical, Orthopaedic, Paediatric, Skin, Obstetrical, Gynaecological, and Dental Out-patients clinics are held at Huntingdon County Hospital and Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge to which General Practitioners can refer their patients for specialist investigation.





(e) Hospital Services.

Fever cases of Infectious Disease requiring hospital treatment were admitted to Isolation Hospital at Cambridge, Peterborough or Ely.

General Hospital Services were provided by the County Hospital, Huntingdon and Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge.

Maternity Cases were admitted to Primrose Lane, Maternity Hospital, Huntingdon and to Mill Road Maternity Hospital, Cambridge.

Clinics run by the Family Planning Association are held at the Health Clinic, Nursery Road, Huntingdon every Wednesday 7-8 p.m. and every Tuesday evening 7-8 p.m. at the Health Clinic, Almond Road, St Neots.





# REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR 1966

To the Medical Officer of Health.

Sir,

I have pleasure in following your report with some environmental details for 1966.

The area is now entirely supplied with water of excellent quality from the Diddington Scheme, having its intake from the river Great Ouse. It has a slightly alkaline reaction and a fluoride content of about 0.1 p.p.m. Despite some initial complaints due to inevitable disturbance of mains deposits and difference in palatability, it has been well received and the reduced hardness is a welcome factor.

The continued emission of smoke and grit from a local Power Station led to strong representations to the Central Electricity Generating Board and discussions with the Alkali Works Inspectorate. Following this, the official maximum load of the Station has been reduced, new methods of fuelling introduced and a major programme of overhaul undertaken. At a large factory in the centre of the town, repeated emissions of black smoke led to a successful prosecution and plans for conversion to oil-firing are now well advanced.

One proposal of unusual public health import is for the construction of a factory to produce pre-cooked frozen foods mainly for micro-wave re-heating. The present experimental stage has been a source of much interest to me.

One solution to the problem of deplorable family living conditions resulting from social inadequacy was found by exercising the Council's power to cleanse the house in default under Section 83 of the Public Health Act 1936, an operation requiring some 360 man-hours.

I would like to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Council for their support and to yourself and other officers of the Council for the advice and co-operation I have received.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant.

*R. A. S. H. E. R.*  
Public Health Inspector.





ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

LICENCES AND REGISTRATIONS.

Caravan Site etc. Act 1960

Private site (one caravan only)

1

One site containing 40 caravans is now under the control of this Council.

Slaughterhouse Act 1958.

Private abattoir

1

Slaughter of Animals Act.

Slaughterman's licences (renewal)

7

" " (new)

2

Game Act 1931.

Game Dealers.

4

Pet Animals Act 1951.

Pet Shops

4

Food and Drugs Act 1955.

Registrations for storage and sale of icecream etc to date.

48

Registrations of milk distributors, to date

5

Petroleum (Regulation) Acts, 1928 and 1936.

Storage of petroleum spirit

33

Storage of petroleum mixtures

6

Storage of carbide of calcium

1

One new storage installation was satisfactorily constructed and licensed during the year.

Scrap Metal Dealers Act 1964.

No of premises on register

4





## INFORMAL FOOD - SAMPLES.

The following samples were taken during the year and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory in Cambridge.

### Icecream

Grade I	- satisfactory	16
Grade II	- satisfactory	8
Grade III	- unsatisfactory	4
Grade IV	- unsatisfactory	1

Of the unsatisfactory samples, two were from hotel kitchens where greater care was urged in service, storage and sterilisation. One was from a mobile soft icecream van and two were prepacked samples from shops.

In every case a repeat sample showed a satisfactory result.

### Water Ice.

5 samples were taken, all being satisfactory.

### Milk.

19 samples of pasteurised milk were taken from 3 dealers in the town, and all were satisfactory.

### Pre-cooked frozen meals.

Of 2 samples taken from a local experimental factory, one was satisfactory but the other had an excessively high plate count.

The need for most meticulous care in the hygiene of production of these commodities is repeatedly urged.

### Water.

A total of 32 samples were taken for bacteriological examination, as follows:

From town mains.	20 satisfactory
	4 unsatisfactory.
From public swimming pool	8 satisfactory.





Water (Cont'd)

Of the four unsatisfactory samples, three were reported to have coliform bacilli present in 100 ml and one as additionally having bact.coli (type I) present.

The Water Board investigated and carried out mains flushing in three cases and repeat samples were found to be satisfactory.



## MEAT INSPECTION

At the only abattoir in the district, one hundred per cent inspection was maintained by a full-time inspector, who was in attendance during almost the entire period of slaughtering hours, although frequently under pressure during periods of peak kill.

Fortunately, times of slaughter, although irregular, are limited to reasonable hours and it was not found necessary to evcke the new power to fix times of slaughtering under the Meat Inspection (Amendment) Regulations 1966.

The abattoir is fully approved and regularly inspected by the Ministry of Agriculture for the export of meat to the continent. Consignments have been mainly of sheep to France and Belgium and meat intended for the former country is additionally inspected by an authorised veterinary officer.

The following table shows the number of animals killed and inspected during 1966, the comparative figures for 1965 being shown in brackets.

<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>Total.</u>
1,157	14	26	34,939	22,489	58,625
(1,601)	(19)	(21)	(20,350)	(27,247)	(49,238)

The total number of animals slaughtered is a record and exceeds by nearly 7,500 the previous highest in 1962. Slaughter of sheep alone has increased by 72% over the preceding year.

### Animals affected by disease or injury, and condemnations.

	<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Pigs.</u>
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis.</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	1	-	-	1	25
Part or organ condemned	260	1	3	3,193	2,731
Percentage affected	22.5%	7%	11.5%	9.1%	12.3%





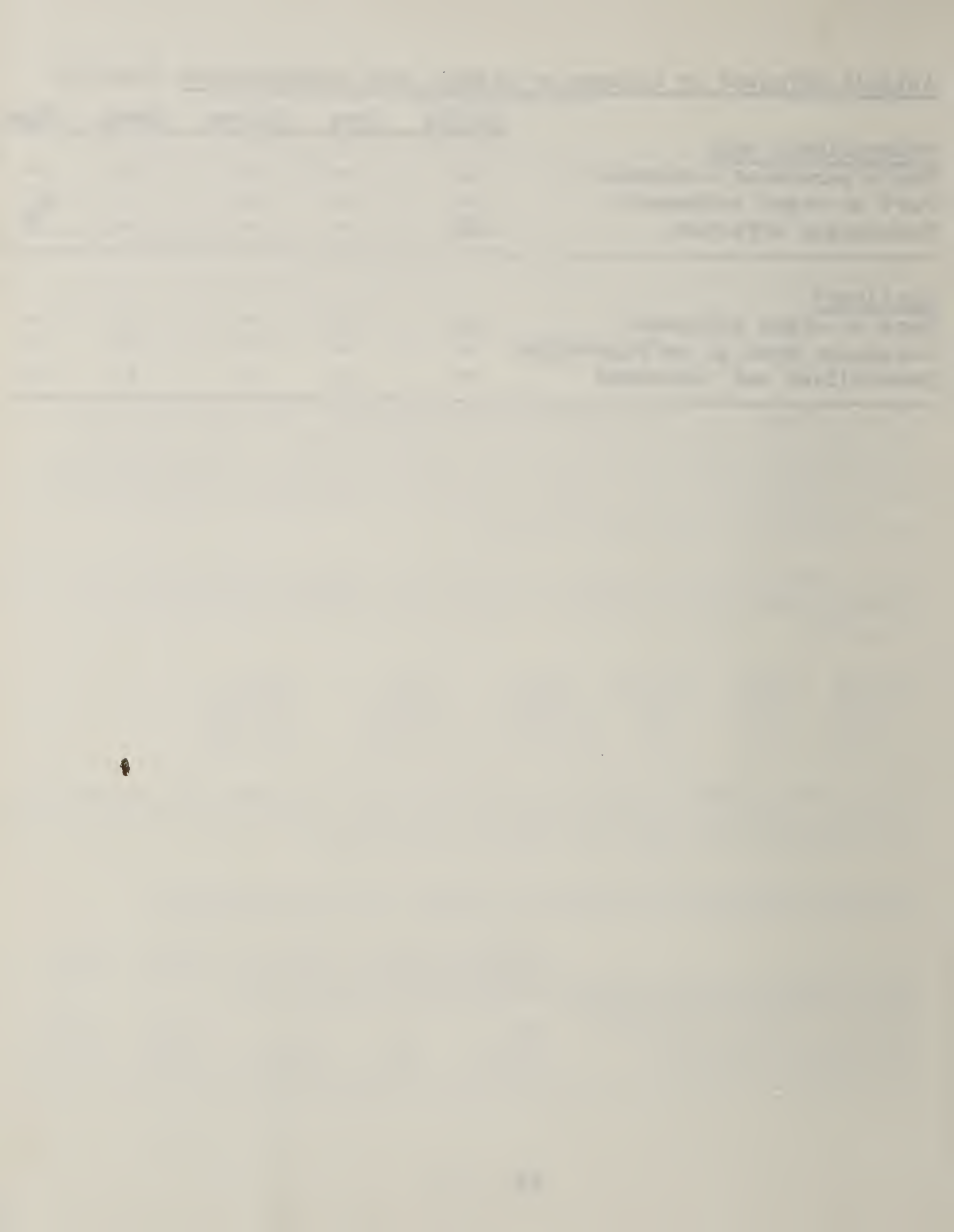
Animals affected by disease or injury, and condemnations (Cont'd)

	<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Pigs</u>
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	1	-	-	-	-
Part or organ condemned	-	-	-	-	45
Percentage affected.	.09%	-	-	-	.2%

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Part or organ condemned	4	-	-	-	-
Carcasses sent to refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and condemned	-	-	-	1	-





## REASONS FOR CONDEMNATION.

The following are the reasons for the seizure of whole carcasses shown in the table above:

<u>Cattle.</u>	Generalised tuberculosis	(1)
	Emaciation with oedema	(1)
<u>Sheep</u>	Generalised cysticecus ovis	(1)
<u>Pigs</u>	Multiple abscesses	(7)
	Emaciation, and oedema	(6)
	Septic enteritis	(2)
	Extensive and severe bruising.	(1)
	Gangrene	(1)
	Septic arthritis	(2)
	Septicaemia	(1)
	Lipomatous atrophy	(1)
	Uraemia	(1)
	Leukaemia	(1)
	Fevered, unknown origin	(2)

## UNSOUND FOOD SURRENDERED OR CONDEMNED.

	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Cwt</u>	<u>Lbs</u>
1). Meat seized at abattoir	10	13	8
2). Meat at retail shops		4	67
3). Cooked meat and meat products		2	33
4). Canned meats			69
5). Canned foods other than meat		5	12
6). 505 items - Frozen foods (refrigerator breakdown)		2	25
	11	7	102

## Prosecution - Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960

Proceedings were taken against a market-stall proprietor for exposing meat products on an uncovered stall, and a fine of £5 was imposed.



Food Hygiene (Markets, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations 1966.

All known proprietors of stalls and vehicles used for the sale and delivery of food were circularised, giving full details of the new requirements.

Consultation was held with other market authorities in the district on a common policy to be adopted in markets.

The Council agreed to provide a central water standpipe in the Market Square and to make provision for personal cleanliness by providing portable hand-washing units with hot water, soap and towels. This has exempted some sixteen stalls from the need to make individual provision.

Eleven stall and vehicle proprietors gave written certificates under Section 24 of the Regulations relating to sale of wrapped food and greengrocery and have thereby acquired further exemptions.





FOOD PREMISES IN DISTRICT.

Sweets and confectionery	6
General Stores	31
Fishmongers	2
Dairies	2
Butchers	12
Bakers	3
Bread and cake shops	3
Hotels	6
Cafes and restaurants	9
Fish friers	1
Mobile fish friers' premises	1
Licensed premises	38
Greengrocers	6
Pie manufacturers	1
Manufacturers of frozen foods	1
Maltsters	1
Flour Mill	1
Works and School canteens	14

FACTORIES ACT 1961

	<u>No on register</u>	<u>No of Inspections.</u>
Factories with mechanical power	70	6
Workplaces	6	-
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	76	6
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OUTWORKERS.

The number of outworkers employed within the district is as follows:

Assembly and painting of plastic toys	52
Leather work and glove manufacture	18
Knitting.	1
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	71

No instances were found of work in unwholesome premises.



OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963.

A. Registration and General Inspections.

Class of Premises	No of premises registered during year	No of registered at end of year	No of premises receiving general inspection during the year
Offices	2	33	3
Retail shops	2	81	6
Wholesale shops, warehouses	-	4	2
Catering establishments, canteens	1	14	3
Fuel storage depots	-	1	-
	5	133	14

Total number of visits of all kinds made 53

The total number of persons employed in these premises was 820  
(339 males and 481 females)

B. Analysis of Contraventions.

Section	No of contraventions found.	
4	Cleanliness	2
6	Temperature	4
8	Lighting	2
9	Sanitary conveniences	3
10	Washing facilities	2
16	Floors, passages and stairs	1
17	Unfenced machinery	1
	TOTAL:	15





C. Exemptions.

Two applications were received and granted in respect of the provision of adequate sanitary conveniences and running water.

D. Prosecutions.

None were instituted during the year.

E. Accidents.

No accidents were reported during the year.



## HOUSING

### A. Repair - Housing and Public Health Acts.

(1) Sections 9, 10 and 16, Housing Act 1957.

No of notices served - <u>Informal</u>	Nil
<u>Formal</u>	2

(2) Public Health Acts.

No of notices served - 11, <u>Informal</u>	8
<u>Formal</u>	3

No of houses repaired after service of notices -	11
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### B. Beyond Repair - Housing Act 1957.

1. Undertakings accepted (Sec 16)	13
2. Closing Orders made (Sec 17)	-
3. Demolition Orders made (Sec 17)	1
4. Houses demolished	2
5. Closing Orders made (Sec 18)	-
6. Closing Orders determined (Sec 27)	-
7. Closing Orders revoked and Demolition Orders substituted.	1

### C. Clearance Areas.

No further Clearance Areas were represented during the year, nor were any houses in Clearance Areas demolished.

### D. Improvement Grants (information supplied by Engineer and Surveyor)

(1) Standard Grants.

1. No of applications approved	
(a) owner/occupiers	2
(b) tenanted houses	6





#### D. Improvement Grants (Cont'd)

2. No of dwellings improved	
(a) owner/occupier	1
(b) tenanted houses	5
3. Amount paid in grants.	£703. 0.0.
4. Average grant per house.	£117. 3.4.
5. Amenities provided	
(a) fixed bath	5
(b) washhand basin	5
(c) hot water supply	6
(d) W.C. (within dwelling)	5
(e) food stores	4

#### (2) Discretionary Grants.

1. No of applications approved.	
(a) owner/occupiers	2
(b) tenanted houses	2
2. No of dwellings improved	
(a) owner/occupier	1
3. Amount paid in grant	£325. 0.0.

#### E. Improvement Areas - Housing Act 1964.

No improvement areas have been declared to date. One house not included in an improvement area was improved to the full standard following representation by the tenant.

#### F. Rent Act 1957.

No applications for Certificates of Disrepair were received, nor were there any applications for cancellation of existing certificates.

#### G. Houses in Multiple occupation.

There is only one known house in this category, for which informal control has been found adequate.



## RODENT CONTROL

No of all types of property in district	4,225
Total number of properties inspected for rats and mice	341
Number found infested with (a) rats	245
(b) mice	41

### Sewer Treatment.

In the middle of the year, 46 manholes were baited but no signs of infestation were found at any point.







